



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5445**

LCO No. 4670

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT PROTECTING DOGS FROM FALLING OR JUMPING FROM  
MOTOR VEHICLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) No person operating  
2 a motor vehicle on a public highway of this state shall transport a dog  
3 in an open portion of such motor vehicle unless such dog is secured in  
4 a cage or other container or otherwise protected or secured in such a  
5 manner as to prevent such dog from being thrown or falling or  
6 jumping from the motor vehicle. For the purposes of this section,  
7 "motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is not registered as a  
8 passenger motor vehicle, and "open portion" means any part of a  
9 motor vehicle outside of the passenger compartment that is not  
10 enclosed by a top or roof.

11 (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
12 section shall have committed an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect dogs riding in an open portion of a motor vehicle from jumping or falling out of the vehicle.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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